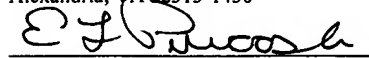


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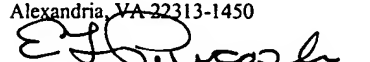
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office action of 21 December 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** - None.

**The listing of claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.